



# PUBLIC NOTICE

**File Number: NRS 14.210**

Pursuant to Chapter 0400-40-07 of the Department's rules, the proposed activity described below has been submitted for approval under an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit (this also includes §401 Water Quality Certifications). This notice is intended to inform interested parties of this permit application and to ask for comments and information necessary to determine possible impacts to water quality. No decision has been made whether to issue or deny this application.

**APPLICANT:** Thomas Worley  
1237 Roan Creek Road  
Mountain City, TN 37683  
(423) 727- 7127

**LOCATION:** Worley Farm, Roan Creek Road, Mountain City, Johnson County, TN

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The applicant proposes to stabilize a section of Town Creek on a private farm by the installation of a total of approximately 370 LF of rip-rap on the left descending bank of Town Creek and 8 rock V-weirs, within an approximately 1,000 LF segment of Town Creek. The rip-rap and V-weirs will be constructed and installed in accordance with NRCS design standards. The applicant also proposes to install cattle exclusion fencing along this segment of Town Creek. The proposed activities will not require mitigation.

**DEGRADATION:** In accordance with the Tennessee Antidegradation Statement (Rule 0400-40-03-.06), the division has determined that the proposed activities will not result in degradation to water quality.

**WATERSHED / WATERBODY DESCRIPTION:** Town Creek is part of the Watauga River Watershed and originates upstream of Mountain City in primarily forested and agricultural lands. Town Creek flows through increasingly urbanized areas into Mountain City and then through increasingly agricultural and forested lands into the Watauga Reservoir. The Tennessee portion of Watauga River Watershed is located in East Tennessee and includes parts of Carter, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi and Washington Counties. The Tennessee portion of the Watauga River Watershed drains approximately 614 square miles. For more information on this watershed, please visit <http://www.state.tn.us/environment/water/watersheds/watauga-river.shtml>

**Stream Name / ID #:** Town Creek (TN06010103034\_0300)

**Ecoregion:** Limestone Valleys and Coves (66f)

**Stream Dimension:** Channel bottom width: approximately 30 - 40 feet

Chanel top width: approximately 30 – 40 feet

Water depth: approximately 0.5 – 2.0 feet

Bank height: approximately 2 - 8 feet

**Substrate:** Cobble and small gravel.

Designated Use	Use Support	Causes
Fish and aquatic life	Not Supporting	Escherichia coli
Recreation	Not Supporting	Nitrate/Nitrite and alteration in streamside or littoral vegetation
Irrigation	Fully Supporting	
Livestock watering & wildlife	Fully Supporting	

**Assessment Date:** 2014

**PERMIT COORDINATOR:** Mark Jordan

**FACTORS CONSIDERED:** In deciding whether to issue or deny a permit, the department will consider all comments of record and the requirements of applicable federal and state laws. In making this decision, a determination will be made regarding the lost value of the resource compared to the value of any proposed mitigation. The department shall consider practicable alternatives to the alteration. The department shall also consider loss of waters or habitat, diminishment in biological diversity, cumulative or secondary impacts to the water resource, and adverse impact to unique, high quality, or impaired waters.

**COMMENTING:** Persons wishing to comment on the proposal are invited to submit written comments to the department. Written comments must be received within **thirty days of the date that this notice is posted**. Comments will become part of the record and will be considered in the final decision. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced. Send all written comments to the department's address listed below and to the attention of the permit coordinator.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Interested persons may request in writing that the department hold a public hearing on this application. The request must be filed within the comment period, indicate the interest of the person requesting it, the reasons that the hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. When there is sufficient public interest in water quality issues, the department will hold a public hearing. Send all public hearing request to the department's address listed below and to the attention of the permit coordinator.

**APPEAL:** A permit appeal may be filed, pursuant to T.C.A. §§ 69-3-105(i) and Rule 0400-40-05, by the permit applicant or by any aggrieved person who participated in the public comment period announced by this notice. This petition must be filed within **THIRTY (30) DAYS** after public notice of the issuance of the permit. The petition must specify what provisions are being

appealed and the basis for the appeal. It should be addressed to the technical secretary of the Tennessee Board of Water Quality, Oil and Gas at the following address: Tisha Calabrese Benton, Director, Division of Water Resources, William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave, 11<sup>th</sup> floor, Nashville, TN 37243. Any hearing would be in accordance with T.C.A. §§69-3-110 and 4-5-301 et seq.

**FILE REVIEW:** The permit application, supporting documentation including detailed plans and maps, and related comments are available at the department's address (listed below) for review and/or copying.

Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation  
Division of Water Resources, Natural Resources Unit  
ATTN: Mark Jordan  
William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower  
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 11th Floor  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Prepared By:  
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Natural Resources Conservation Service  
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Knoxville, TN

In Cooperation With:  
Johnson County Soil Conservation District

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## Mountain City, TN Quadrangle (214-NE)

USGS Topographic Maps

Original Map Scale 1" = 2000'

(Latitude N 36° 30' 22.95" Longitude W 82° 40' 49.51")



**IMPORTANT:**  
Utility Owners Must Be Notified Of The Date And Time Construction Is Scheduled To Approach The Utilities (Pipelines, Telephone Lines, Electric Lines, etc.). Construction Should Not Commence Until All Utility Companies Have Been Notified And Have Their Utilities Located On The Ground.

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Area 4 Engineer Staff shall be present for location and staking of structures in the field prior to construction.

CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS APPROVED	
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Tom Whorley Farm  
Stream Bank and Channel Stabilization  
Johnson County, Tennessee  
Cover Sheet

	Date
Designed <u>Moray/Zimmerman</u>	<u>03/14</u>
Drawn <u>JC Zimmerman</u>	<u>03/14</u>
Checked <u>JA MORAY</u>	<u>03/14</u>
Approved _____	_____

# Items of Work:

Item 1 - This item is a section of Rock Riprap along the east bank of the Tom Creek River on the Tom Whorley Property downstream of the low water crossing at the location of the footbridge. The riprap shall extend approximately two hundred and seventy-eight (278) hundred feet long the creek. The rock riprap shall have an average height of five (5) feet to an elevation of 2264.05' and shall be placed on a 1:1 (H:V) slope and keyed into the bed a minimum of three (3) feet. Rock riprap shall have a 450 size of thirty-six (36) inches and all rock shall be underlain with non-woven needle punched geotextile material. Refer to Sheet 3 of 5 for Riprap Details.

Item 2 - This item is a section of Rock Riprap along the east bank of the Tom Creek River on the Tom Whorley Property upstream of the low water crossing. The riprap shall extend approximately eighty-nine (89) hundred feet long the creek. The rock riprap shall have an average height of five (5) feet to an elevation of 2265.5' and shall be placed on a 1:1 (H:V) slope and keyed into the bed a minimum of three (3) feet. Rock riprap shall have a 450 size of thirty-six (36) inches and all rock shall be underlain with non-woven needle punched geotextile material. Refer to Sheet 4 of 5 for Riprap Details.

Item 3 - This item is the placement of five (5) rock V-weirs. 3a - 3e, as indicated on the drawing. Weir 1a - 1e will be located along the section where existing rock riprap is placed on the west bank. These weirs will be placed to the existing rock riprap but now key will be added that would require excavation of existing rock. The remaining two (2) weirs shall be placed with bank anchoring as shown. The elevation of the point rock for Weir 3e shall be set at the elevation of the low water crossing. Refer to Sheet 5 of 5 for Typical Rock V-Weir Installation.

Item 4 - This item is the placement of three (3) V-weirs. 4a - 4c, as indicated on the drawing. These weirs shall be shallow and placed across the full width of the over-widened section of channel. The downstream weir, 4c, will have to be offset with a short leg along the east bank. Refer to Sheet 5 of 5 for Typical Rock V-Weir Installation.

All material excavated and not used as backfill to the armoring shall be removed from the influence of the river and shall not be piled or binned within the flood plain.

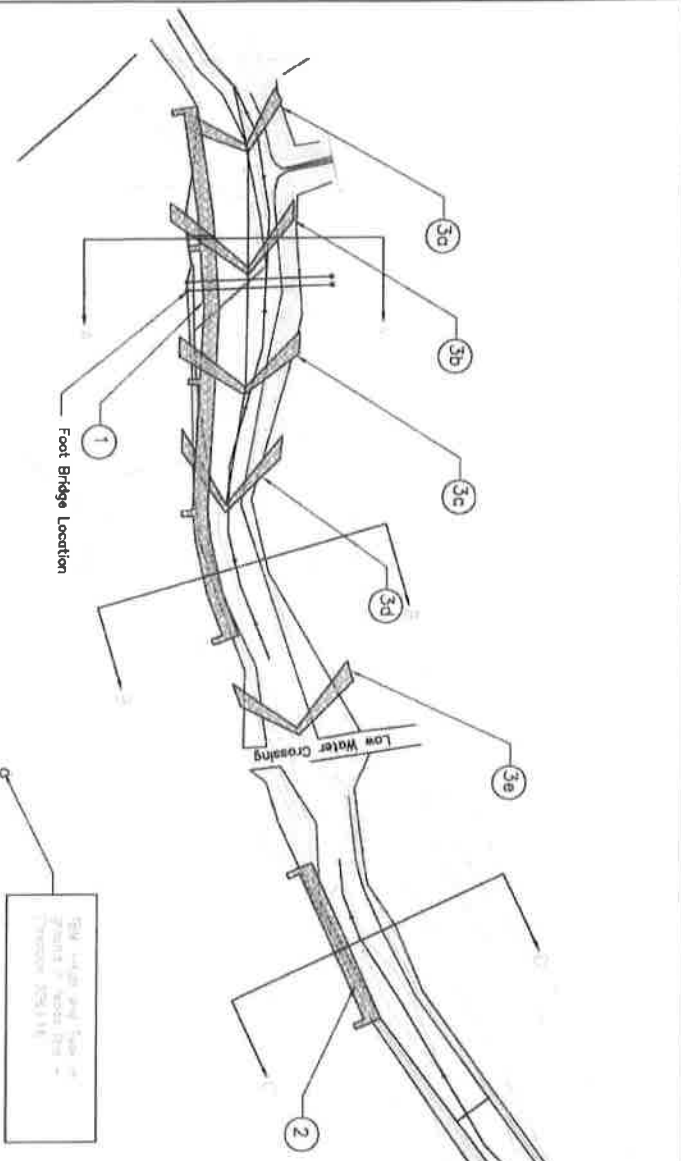
Establishment of Riparian Buffers and any required Exclusion Fencing shall be handled by the District Conservationist in conjunction with the landowner. Buffer width, fence type and fence placement shall be determined in the field to NRCS Standards and Specifications. Designs for fencing and buffer layout shall be provided by the District Conservationist or authorized NRCS Personnel.

Erosion control measures shall be stocked in the appropriate permit application but shall include but not be limited to the following:

- Work shall take place from the bank during low water conditions. No equipment shall be operated in the flowing channel.
- Water shall be diverted by temporary rock or berm placement so that water does not flow down excavated key trenches during construction.
- No exposed material or site shall be left overnight with out placement of temporary erosion control measures or geotextile fabric.
- All excavated areas shall be seeded and mulched upon completion.

No work shall commence until all structures have been located and staked in the field by the District Conservationist or authorized NRCS Personnel.

It is the landowner's responsibility to acquire all necessary local, state, and federal permits prior to the start of construction.



Area 4 Engineer Staff shall be present for location and staking of structures in the field prior to construction.

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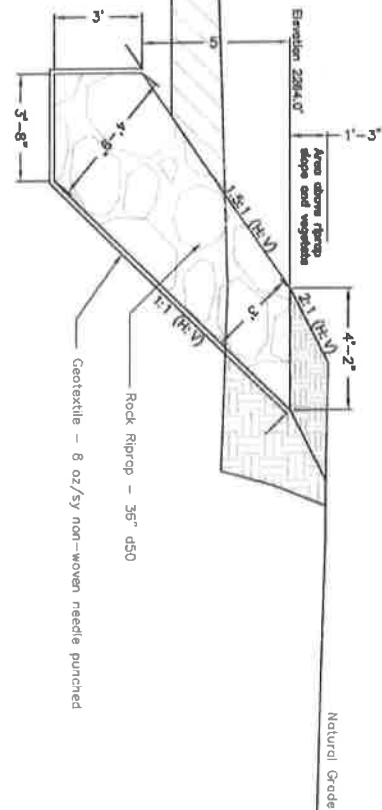
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Channel of Town Creek

Cobble bar material may be removed from edge of riprap to face of riprap. Removal is not to extend below water level in flowing channel.

Note: At Cross-Section A-A the toe of rock riprap is to be pushed out approximately fourteen (14') feet. The toe of the riprap shall not be extended out further than fourteen (14') feet.

Typical Rock Riprap Cross-Section  
Section A-A



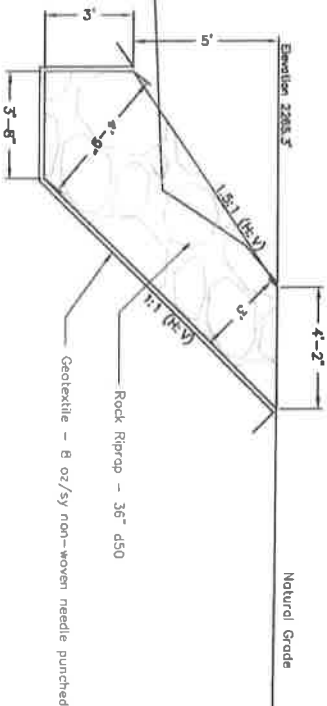
Rock Riprap

- 1) Rock size shall be a d50 of thirty-six (36") inches - This means that fifty (50%) percent of the rock used shall be thirty-six (36") inches or larger. No rock smaller than twenty-four (24") inches shall be used and no rock larger than forty-eight (48") inches are required.
- 2) Rock shall be placed on prepared surface with 1:1 (H:V) slope. All rocks, rocks or other material that may damage geotextile shall be removed from the prepared slope. The front face of the rock shall be placed on a 1.5:1 (H:V) face.
- 3) Geotextile used shall be eight (8 oz/sy) since per state just non-woven needle punched geotextile. Geotextile shall overlap a minimum of twenty-four (24") inches with overlap not to exceed thirty-six (36") inches.
- 4) Riprap shall be keyed into the channel bed a minimum of three (3') feet deep or until non-excavatable bedrock is encountered. This may mean that the base of the riprap armoring is buried several feet below existing grade in some places.
- 5) Excavated material in excess of material required in designated backfill areas behind rock riprap armoring SHALL be removed from site and disposed of out of the influence of rain per permit requirements.
- 6) Rock Riprap the backs shall be placed as indicated on the drawings. The backs shall be a minimum of three (3') feet wide and extend back a minimum of six (6') feet from the back edge of the rock riprap. There shall be a tie back on each end of the rock riprap structures and a tie back placed approximately every seventy (70') feet along riprap in Item 1 (Page 2 of 5).

Material Quantities - Item 1:

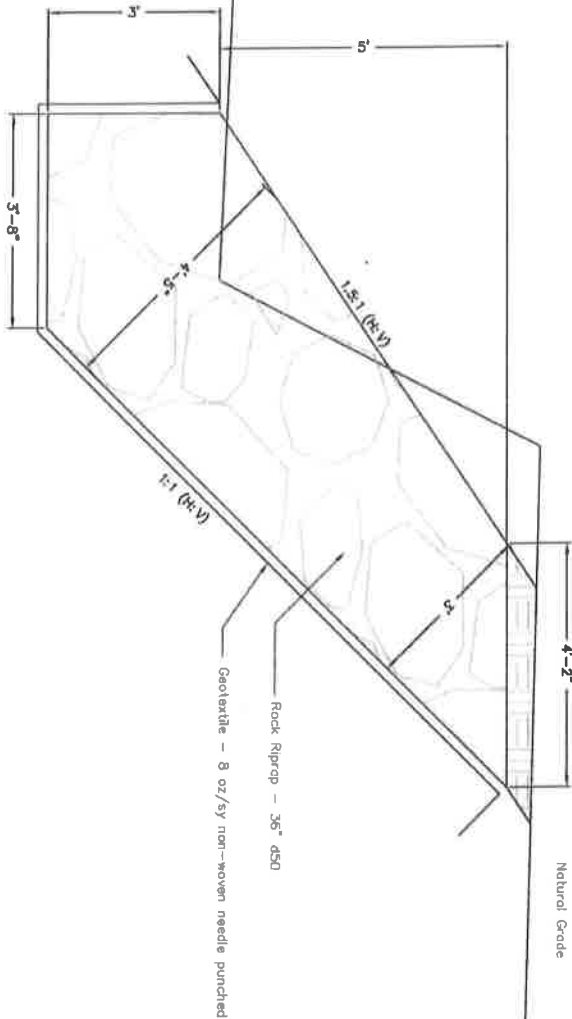
Length: Two Hundred and Seventy-eight (278') feet  
Height: Five (5') feet average  
36" d50 Rock Riprap: Seven Hundred and Fifty-one (751) Tons  
8 oz/sy Geotextile: Seven Hundred and Twenty-eight (728) Square Yards  
Excavation: Four Hundred and Forty-two (442) Cubic Yards

Channel (Town Creek)



Typical Rock Riprap Cross-Section  
Section B-B

Channel of Town  
Creek



Typical Rock Riprap Cross-Section  
Section C-C

**Rock Riprap:**

- 1) Rock size shall be a d50 of thirty-six (36") inches. This means that fifty (50%) percent of the rock used shall be thirty-six (36") inches or larger. No rock smaller than twenty-four (24") inches shall be used and no rock larger than forty-eight (48") inches are required.
- 2) Rock shall be placed on prepared surface with 1:1 (H:V) slope. All roots, rocks or other material that may damage geotextile shall be removed from the prepared slope. The front face of the rock shall be placed on a 1.5:1 (H:V) face.
- 3) Geotextile used shall be eight (8 oz/sy) ounce per square yard non-woven needle punched geotextile. Geotextile shall overlap a minimum of twenty-four (24") inches with overlap not to exceed thirty-six (36") inches.
- 4) Riprap shall be keyed into the channel bed a minimum of three (3") feet deep or until non-excavatable bedrock is encountered. This may mean that the base of the riprap armoring is buried several feet below existing grade in some places.
- 5) Excavated material in excess of material required in designated backfill areas behind rock riprap armoring SHALL be removed from site and disposed of out of the influence of river per permit requirements.
- 6) Rock Riprap blocks shall be placed as indicated on the drawing. The blocks shall be a minimum of three (3") feet wide and extend back a minimum of six (6") feet from the back edge of the rock riprap. There shall be a block on each end of the rock riprap structures and a block placed approximately every seventy (70) feet along riprap in item 1 (page 2 of 5).

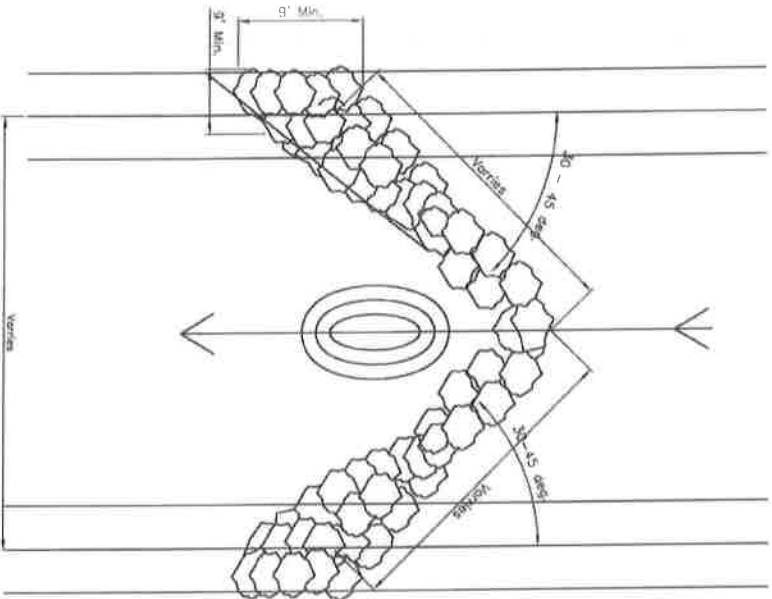
**Material Quantities - Item 2:**

Length:	Eighty-nine (89) feet
Height:	Five (5) feet overage
36" d50 Rock Riprap:	Two Hundred and Forty-one (241) Tons
8 oz/sy Geotextile:	Two Hundred and Three (203) Square Yards
Excavation:	One Hundred and Forty-two (142) Cubic Yards



**Notes:**

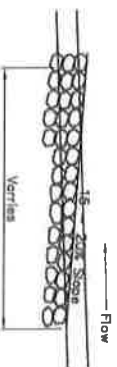
- 1) V-Waif shall be constructed of stones with a 450 size of thirty-six (36"). This means that of least fifty (50%) percent of stones used shall have a minimum dimension of at least thirty-six (36") inches. No stones with dimension less than twenty-four (24") inches inches shall be used or no stones greater than forty-eight (48") inches are required.
- 2) The ends of the V-Waif extending into the bank (not within the flow of the stream) shall be underpinned with non-woven geotextile cloth. The geotextile shall have a minimum fabric weight of 8oz per square yard.
- 3) At excavated scour pool shall be located as indicated on drawing. The pool depth may be slightly lower than the depth of which the weir stones are buried. The edge of the scour pool shall be a minimum of three feet (3') from the edge of exposed weir stones. The pool shall be elongated as indicated on the drawing to direct water flow toward the exiting point.



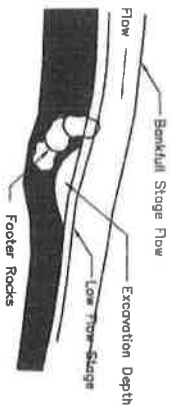
### PLAN VIEW

	Wier Width (ft)	Height Wier enters bank (ft)	Rock (tons) d50 36"	Geotextile (sq ft sq yd)	Excavation (cu yd)
Rock W-Weir					
Item 3a	38.0'	2,262.0'	719 (93 cu)	100	69
Item 3b	52.0'	2,262.0'	759 (93 cu)	100	93
Item 3c	45.0'	2,262.0'	739 (91 cu)	100	81
Item 3d	34.0'	2,263.0'	107 (63 cu)	100	63
Item 3e	44.0'	2,263.0'	735 (79 cu)	100	79

- 5) As indicated on the drawing the arms of the V-Weir shall be at approximately a 30° to 45° angle to the bank. The apex of the weir (the V) shall be located and staked by the District Conservatorist or authorized NRCS Personnel prior to the start of construction.
- 6) Placement and elevation of weir stones shall encourage low level flow across the center one third (1/3) section of the V-Weir.
- 7) The weirs may be offset so that the apex is closer to the one bank than the other bank. This is to encourage or discourage flow in a particular direction. The longer side length would allow the flow to better resist the longer side curve or bend. Offset weirs will be placed of the direction of the government representative.
- 8) Final location and placement of rock V-Weirs will be staked by the District Conservatorist or NRCS Area 4 Engineering Staff in the field prior to the start of construction.



PROFILE VIEW  
- NOT TO SCALE -



### SECTION VIEW

### PROPER PLACEMENT OF ROCK FOOTERS

Typical Rock-Veins - Item 4 (Material and Placement)				
Rock W-Weir	Weir Width (ft)	Height Weir enters bank (ft)	Rock (tons) 450 36"	Excavation (cy)
Item 4a	60.0'	2,267.0'	166 (98 cy)	98
Item 4b	60.0'	2,226.70'	165 (98 cy)	98
Item 4c	60.0'	2,267.0'	166 (98 cy)	98







